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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed December 14, 2000, referenced as Attorney No. 108154

For (Title): PROCÉDE D'ASSURANCE

By (Inventors): Jean-Charles JAVERLIAC

- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatting or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
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5.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a  Continuation  Division  Continuation-in-Part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed December 14, 2000. The entire disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6.  Formal drawings (Fig.1-10) are attached.

7.  Priority of foreign application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).  
 The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

8.  Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_--

9.  The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_ recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_.  
10.  This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:  
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11.  A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.

12.  An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

13.  Small entity status:  
 a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.  
 b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

14.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15.  The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, and/or Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463.  
 a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
 b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.

16.  Address all future communications to:

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